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The Virginia Department of Forestry–in cooperation with many of our associates with state and federal agencies, forest industry, forestry consultants, and private nonprofit groups–is pleased to present this Fourth Edition of our Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality guidelines. The original publication has served the forestry community well since 1978 and time has shown us more efficient and technically correct ways to install practices, as well as more instructive ways to present this information.

Continued effort by the forestry community is necessary to stay on top of Best Management Practices and water quality protection. The Virginia Department of Forestry remains committed to increased adoption of these practices by all who impact our forest resources. As the public becomes more aware of our collective practices on the land, we must be willing to instill the "Stewardship Ethic" and Sustainable Forestry Principles as we provide the raw material necessary for continued economic viability and the environmental amenities enjoyed by our citizens.

I trust this Fourth Edition is helpful and fosters the appropriate installation of Best Management Practices on Virginia's forestland.

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